
What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A language module (i) which is attachable to an appliance, (ii) which is configured to communicate with the appliance when so attached, and (iii) which is configured to perform language-specific tasks at the request of the appliance by:
 receiving an instruction for language-specific processing from the appliance; and
 sending resulting data of the language-specific processing to the appliance.
- 10 2. The language module of Claim 1 wherein the language module is configured to perform language-specific tasks according to a subject language at the requests of the appliance by also:
 receiving data representing a character in the subject language; and
15 sending data specifying a graphical representation of the character to the appliance.
3. The language module of Claim 1 wherein the language module is configured to perform language-specific tasks according to a subject language at the request of the appliance by
20 also:
 receiving data representing a user input gesture; and
 sending data representing one or more language units of the subject language in
 accordance with the user input gesture.
- 25 4. The language module of Claim 3 wherein the language units are characters.
5. The language module of Claim 3 wherein the language units are words.

6. The language module of Claim 3 wherein the language units are phrases.
7. The language module of Claim 3 wherein sending comprises:
selecting the one or more language units according to one or more preceding
language units which were previously specified by the user.
8. The language module of Claim 7 wherein selecting comprises:
determining word-continuation relationships between the preceding language
units and the one or more language units.
9. The language module of Claim 7 wherein selecting comprises:
determining name-continuation relationships between the preceding language
units and the one or more language units.
10. The language module of Claim 3 wherein the language module is configured to
perform language-specific tasks according to the subject language at the request of the appliance
by also:
sending data representing one or more language unit components which are of the
subject language and which correspond to the user input gesture.